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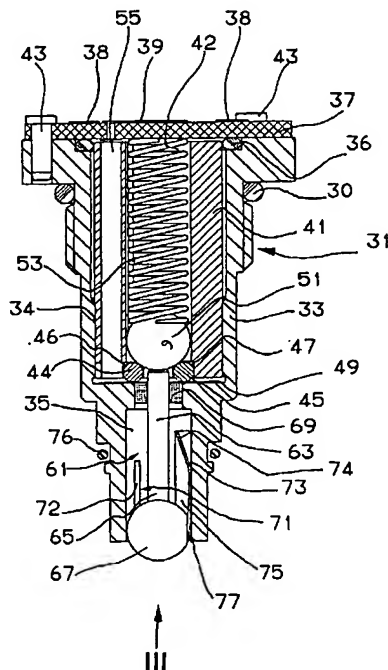
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(57) Abstract: A touch probe with an arm (13) coupled to a movable arm-set (3) supported in a casing (1) includes an elec-
tric switch (31) with a housing (33) fixed to the casing and a
mechanical transmission device (61) for mechanically transmit-
ting displacements of the arm, and causing the disengagement
of a conductive small ball (51) from two stationary conductive
bars (44,45), thereby opening an electric detecting circuit. An
elongate mechanical body (63) of the mechanical transmission
device includes a spherical-shaped element (67) that is transver-
sally urged against a binary (71) for guiding with accuracy and
free of clearances the displacements of the elongate mechani-
cal body. A bent flat spring (73) contacts a plane portion of the
spherical transmission element for achieving both the transver-
sal thrust against the binary and the antirotation of the elongate
mechanical body.

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